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Applicant: Jim A. Larson et al.
Title: POINTING DEVICE WITH INTEGRATED AUDIO INPUT
Docket No.: 884.078US1
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Examiner: Amare Mengistu
Serial No.: 09/211,942
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Washington, D.C. 20231

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- Petition for Extension of Time (1 pg.)
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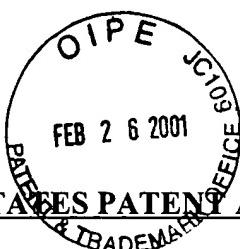
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Applicant has reviewed the Office Action mailed on August 23, 2000. Please amend the above-identified patent application as follows.

This response is accompanied by a Petition, as well as the appropriate fee, to obtain a three-month extension of the period for responding to the Office action, thereby moving the deadline for response from November 23, 2000 to February 23, 2000.

REMARKS

Applicant has carefully reviewed and considered the Office Action mailed on August 23, 2000, and the references cited therewith.

Claims 1-15 remain pending in this application.

Applicant traverses the 35 U.S.C. §103 rejections because the references do not teach or suggest every claim element. See MPEP §2143. Specifically, Armbruster does not teach or suggest a transmitter and the Berkson/Armbruster combination does not teach or suggest a transmitter, voice translation software, or certain acts of transmitting and translation. Therefore, Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of the rejections and passage of the claims to allowance.

Claims 1-3 are Patentable over Armbruster under §103

Claims 1-3 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Armbruster (U.S. Patent No. 3,376,551).

Claims 1-3 include “a transmitter located in the housing for transmitting electronic voice signals received by the microphone to an external device.” The Office Action equates element 209 in Armbruster with a transmitter. (Office Action dated August 23, 2000, page 2, ¶20).